

REMARKS

A number of the claims recently submitted have been further modified based upon discussion with the Applicant and as now amended are believed to more accurately represent the invention. The remarks originally submitted apply to the claims as now presented. A clean set of claims as amended is enclosed along with a marked up version.

Entry of the present supplemental amendment is requested.

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Please cancel claims 1 to 26 and add new claims 27 to 32
as follows --

1 27. A method of selling personal, use rights of unlimited
2 availability, said method comprising the steps of:
3 (a) electronically offering through a communications
4 network personal nontransferrable use rights either at ^{which are executable} use prices
5 that aim ^{at} reflecting the marginal costs of executing said use
6 rights or under conditions of a competitive supply environment;
7 (b) storing in a database a group of consumers and
8 offering through said network to a sample of said group a price for
9 said use rights to be paid by each member of said sample in case of
10 accepting the offer;
11 (c) causing said sample to vote on said offered use
12 rights by members of said sample stating their willingness to pay
13 for either accepting or rejecting said offer and collecting results
14 of said vote through said network;
15 (d) through said network determining and collecting any
16 pivotal payments from any member of said voting sample whose stated
17 willingness to pay for a certain outcome alone was sufficient to
18 swing the outcome from one undesirable to him or her, said pivotal

19 payment comprising a margin between all pro and contra votes [when]
20 excluding the vote of the pivotal voter under consideration;

21 (e) through said network accepting or rejecting offers of
22 said use rights for all members of said voting sample according to
23 the result of the vote; and

24 (f) through said network correspondingly applying the
25 offered price for the use right^s to the whole group in the case of
26 an approving vote of the sample, but taking the sample's revealed
27 willingness to pay for said use right^s as a basis for the price to
28 be paid by the remaining members of the group in the case of a
29 rejecting vote of the sample while excluding same from the payment
30 for said use right^s.

1 28. The method defined in claim 27 wherein said use price
2 is zero or negative in case marginal costs do not justify the
3 expense of collecting proceeds or the supplier wants to promote the
4 use [right] of her good.

1 29. The method defined in claim 27, further storing
2 additional groups of consumers in the database in order to allow
3 segregation of consumers into homogeneous groups in respect to the
4 members' supposed marginal willingness to pay for said use rights,
5 the members' ability to pay, and/or the members' supposed pattern
6 of interest in said use rights.

1 30. The method defined in claim 27 wherein, after the
2 voting process, the prices for said use rights are offered to the
3 suppliers who then decide whether or not to accept.

1 31. The method defined in claim 27 wherein said sample's
2 revealed willingness to pay for said use right is taken as a basis
3 for the price to be paid by the remaining members of the group,
4 irrespective of whether or not said voting sample approved the
5 purchase of said use right at the price voted upon.

1 32. The method defined in claim 27 wherein, in case of a
2 rejection of the offered use right, the members of said voting
3 sample are being held not to employ any alternative means of gaining
4 ~~exploiting the right being covered by~~ said use right for the
5 duration of the rejected use right's validity.

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The present amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to advance this case to issue without delay.

1. The Examiner's acknowledgement of the claim to domestic priority, based upon the provisional application in paragraph 15 of PTO-326 is appreciated.

2. The specification has been amended to eliminate the informalities noted by the Examiner in paragraph 1 of page 2 of the office action and other informalities of a typographical nature.